

Amendments to the Abstract

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The invention provides a method for storing video signals at a first rate and reading the stored video signals at a second rate. According to an embodiment of the method, the video signals to be stored are compressed. The compressed video signals are stored in a memory at a first rate. The compressed video signals are read from the memory into a buffer at the first rate. The video signals stored in the buffer are read from the buffer at a second rate such that the video signals are decompressed. with the aid of a random access memory (SDRAM) that is operated synchronously during writing and reading, there being connected downstream of the random access memory a further memory (FIFO) with different frequencies for writing and reading, the video signals to be stored are divided into a plurality of parallel data streams. The data streams are time compressed in such a way that the compressed data streams take up only a part of a predetermined write read cycle for the random access memory. Data streams read from the random access memory are conducted via the further memory and combined to form video signals.

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